

Application Serial No.: 10/702,500
Reply dated July 12, 2004
Reply to Notice of Incomplete Reply dated July 8, 2004

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

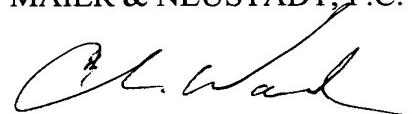
Claims 1-8 are presently active in this case.

The specification has been amended to include an Abstract of the Disclosure. No new matter has been entered.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable consideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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